

ICEBREAKER

What do you think of Deuteronomy?

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In Deuteronomy, Moses narrates the story of the Israelites from the time they left Egypt until that present day by mentioning the following touchpoints in this order. What do you remember about each of these touchpoints in the story?

- Kadesh Barnea (sending the spies and refusing to enter the land)
- Wandering in the Wilderness
- Defeating Sihon and Og, kings near Canaan.
- Then Moses backtracks to describe Mount Sinai (Horeb).

Moses also seems to have a chip on his shoulder as he begins this pep talk. Read **Deuteronomy 1:34-37, 3:23-26, 32:48-52**. Also read **Numbers 20:2-12**. Clearly, Moses is misrepresenting why he is not allowed to enter the promised land. What do you think about that?

Read **Deuteronomy 4:21-40**. Even though Moses is blind to his own failure and he won't admit his own guilt, he still is able to represent the most important truth about God taught in the book of Deuteronomy. What does this passage teach you about God and his workings with people?

This passage is actually a great summary of the theme of the book of Deuteronomy. How would you summarize the teaching of this passage?

The central teaching of Deuteronomy is proven by how God has dealt with Moses and how God deals with the Israelites. The central teaching of Deuteronomy is this: God blesses his people when they honor him and judges them when they don't. What do you think of that?

TAKE IT HOME

Read The Ten Commandments (**Deuteronomy 5:6-22**).

Read The "Shema" (Shema is the Hebrew word for "Hear") (**Deut. 6:4-5**).

How hard is it to follow God the way he wants us to?

Finally, read **Deuteronomy 5:28-29**. What does it mean to you that God is rooting for you, that He is on your side and ready to bless you?

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